

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
FOR THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**In the Matter of a Commission Initiated
Investigation into U S WEST
Communications, Inc.'s Costs Related
to Provision of Line Sharing Service.**

FOURTH PREHEARING ORDER

SCHEDULE

1. A telephone conference was held on March 31, 2000, among the Administrative Law Judge, Jason Topp, and Mark Ayotte, at which time Mr. Ayotte and Mr. Topp requested that the schedule be extended. Based upon agreement of the participants in the conference, the schedule established in the Prehearing Order of January 7, 2000, was revised as follows:

2. April 10, 2000—Oral Argument at Office of Administrative Hearings on Motion to Limit Testimony.

3. May 26, 2000—Rebuttal Testimony and Rebuttal Cost Studies.

4. June 23, 2000—Discovery Cutoff.

5. June 30, 2000—Reply Testimony.

6. July 17-21, 2000—Hearing (5 days if necessary).

7. August 11, 2000—Initial Briefs.

8. August 18, 2000—Reply Briefs.

9. September, 2000—ALJ's Report; Exceptions to ALJ's Report within 10 days, replies within 5 days thereafter.

10. October, 2000—Commission Decision.

11. On April 5, 2000, U S WEST filed a Motion to Compel Responses to Information Requests to Sprint Communications Company, L.P. Sprint and any other parties desiring to do so must file responses to the motion by April 24, 2000. If any parties requests oral argument on the motion, it will be scheduled shortly thereafter.

12. At the April 10, 2000, motion hearing, the workshop was discussed. Since the technical issues of how DSL works are not in dispute, it appears that it is not necessary to conduct a workshop or visit a central office. Rather, the ALJ will propound

any questions he has on the technical aspects to the parties, who will then agree on an appropriate method for response.

PARTIES

13. MCI WorldCom has withdrawn from the proceeding. Karen Clauson and Gregory Merz have been removed from the latest service list.

14. Wes Legursky, an expert witness for the Department of Commerce, has been added to the service list.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2011

STEVE M. MIHALCHICK
Administrative Law Judge